

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4-6 and 22, and cancel claim 3, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair, said high chair clean seat comprising:

a central portion forming a substantially horizontal floor having a perimeter, wherein said perimeter of said horizontal floor is configured for disposition within a horizontal seating surface of the high chair, and wherein said substantially horizontal floor of a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis, said central portion is configured to cover the horizontal a center seating portion surface of the high chair; and

a continuous plication surrounding said central portion, said continuous plication having a front portion and a back portion extending substantially vertically from said perimeter of said central portion, respectively, said front portion having a first width substantially equal to a front area of the high chair, said back portion having a second width substantially equal to a second inside width of a back area of the high chair,

~~in opposite directions away from one another and parallel to said longitudinal axis,~~ said continuous plication having a first side portion and a second side portion extending substantially vertically from said perimeter of said central portion, respectively, said first side portion having a third width substantially equal to a third inside width of a first side area of the high chair, and the second side portion having a fourth width substantially equal to a fourth inside width of a second side area of the high chair, wherein said continuous placcation is configured to extend in a continuous fashion from said front portion to said first side portion to said back portion to said second side portion to said front portion so as to completely cover interior portions of the front area, the back area, the first side area, and the fourth side area;

an inside section and an outside section formed by a fold of said continuous plication in each one of said front portion, said back portion, said first side portion, and said second side portion, respectively, an uninterrupted apex formed at said fold of said continuous plication having a first length along said front portion between said first side portion and said second side portion, a second length along said rear portion between

said first side portion and said second side portion, and a third length along each of said first side portion and said second side portion between said front portion and said rear portion, said first length of said front portion configured to cover a front rail of the high chair, said second length of said rear portion configured to cover a seatback portion of the high chair, and said third length of each of said first side portion and said second side portion configured to cover a pair of side rails, wherein said uninterrupted apex covers an entire upper perimeter of the high chair;

a given area of said front portion of the continuous plication configured with the inside section extending a first distance from the floor portion adjacent said perimeter to said uninterrupted apex, with the outside portion extending a second distance from the uninterrupted apex to a peripheral end, and the second distance being less than the first distance so as to allow unimpeded access to leg openings formed through said outside portion of the front portion between the peripheral end of the outside section and said substantially horizontal floor;  
and

a first inner surface and a first outer surface in  
opposition to one another on said inside section of each of said  
front portion, said back portion, said first side portion, and  
said second side portion, respectively, a second inner surface  
and a second outer surface in opposition to one another on said  
outside section of each of said front portion, said back  
portion, said first side portion, and said second side portion,  
respectively, wherein said second inner surface of the outside  
section and the first outer surface of the inside portion are  
selectively disposable toward one another for each of each of  
said front portion, said rear portion, said first side portion,  
and said second side portion, respectively, and a securing  
fastener is disposed on said inner surface of said outside  
section and on said outer surface of said inside section of at  
least one of said front portion, said rear portion, said first  
side portion, and said second side portion, respectively, so as  
to selectively secure said continuous sleeve to the high chair in  
~~opposite directions away from one another and in a direction~~  
~~parallel to said lateral axis, and said continuous plication~~  
~~configured to cover an entire seating area surrounding the~~  
~~center seating portion of the high chair.~~

2. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 1 wherein the entire seating area surrounding the center portion of the high chair comprises a front seating portion, a back seating portion, side seating portions, and an upper portion of each high chair leg.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 3 1 wherein said securing fastener comprises ~~fasteners comprise~~ Velcro® hook and loop closures.

5. (Currently Amended) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 3 1 further comprising a pair of horizontal adjustment flaps extending from a portion of said continuous plication, and further comprising adjustment fasteners disposed on each of said pair of horizontal adjustment flaps and on a portion of said outer surface of said

continuous plication adjacent to said horizontal adjustment flaps.

6. (Currently Amended) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 5 wherein said adjustment fasteners comprise Velcro® hook and loop closures.

7. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 1 further comprising a safety belt in attachment to said central portion so as to secure a child to said high chair clean seat.

8. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 7 wherein said safety belt is used instead of a belt provided in the high chair.

9. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 1 wherein said central portion and said continuous plication comprise a thin sheet of material.

10. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 9 wherein said thin sheet of flexible material comprises cotton quilted material.

11. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 9 wherein said thin sheet of flexible material comprises a polyester and cotton blend material.

12. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 9 wherein said thin sheet of flexible material comprises an outer portion of cotton material and an inner portion of polyester material.

13. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 9 wherein said thin sheet of flexible material comprises a plastic material.

14. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 9 wherein said thin sheet of flexible material comprises a non-woven fabric.

15. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 9 wherein said thin sheet of flexible material comprises a recycled material.

16. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 9 wherein said thin sheet of flexible material comprises a disposable material.

17. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 1 wherein said central portion and said continuous plication are integral.

18. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 1 further comprising piping material attached to said central portion and said continuous plication so as to retain a formed shape.

19. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 1 wherein said front



portion of said continuous plication defines a pair of leg openings therethrough.

20. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 1 wherein said continuous plication comprises an outer perimeter forming a generally rectangular shape so as to fit directly over an outer perimeter of the high chair.

21. (Original) A high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on a high chair according to claim 20 wherein said generally rectangular shape is square.

22. (Currently Amended) A method for covering an entire seating area of a high chair, the method comprising:

providing a high chair clean seat for use as a seat cover on the high chair, said high chair clean seat comprising:

a central portion forming a substantially horizontal floor having a perimeter, wherein said perimeter of said horizontal floor is configured for disposition within a horizontal seating surface of the high chair, and wherein said

substantially horizontal floor of a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis, said central portion is configured to cover the horizontal a-center seating portion surface of the high chair; and

a continuous plication surrounding said central portion, said continuous plication having a front portion and a back portion extending substantially vertically from said perimeter of said central portion, respectively, said front portion having a first width substantially equal to a front area of the high chair, said back portion having a second width substantially equal to a second inside width of a back area of the high chair, in opposite directions away from one another and parallel to said longitudinal axis, said continuous plication having a first side portion and a second side portion extending substantially vertically from said perimeter of said central portion, respectively, said first side portion having a third width substantially equal to a third inside width of a first side area of the high chair, and the second side portion having a fourth width substantially equal to a fourth inside width of a second side area of the high chair, wherein said continuous placation is configured to extend in a continuous fashion from

said front portion to said first side portion to said back portion to said second side portion to said front portion so as to completely cover interior portions of the front area, the back area, the first side area, and the fourth side area;

an inside section and an outside section formed by a fold of said continuous plication in each one of said front portion, said back portion, said first side portion, and said second side portion, respectively, an uninterrupted apex formed at said fold of said continuous plication having a first length along said front portion between said first side portion and said second side portion, a second length along said rear portion between said first side portion and said second side portion, and a third length along each of said first side portion and said second side portion between said front portion and said rear portion, said first length of said front portion configured to cover a front rail of the high chair, said second length of said rear portion configured to cover a seatback portion of the high chair, and said third length of each of said first side portion and said second side portion configured to cover a pair of side rails, wherein said uninterrupted apex covers an entire upper perimeter of the high chair;

a given area of said front portion of the continuous  
plication configured with the inside section extending a first  
distance from the floor portion adjacent said perimeter to said  
uninterrupted apex, with the outside portion extending a second  
distance from the uninterrupted apex to a peripheral end, and  
the second distance being less than the first distance so as to  
allow unimpeded access to leg openings formed through said  
outside portion of the front portion between the peripheral end  
of the outside section and said substantially horizontal floor;  
and

a first inner surface and a first outer surface in  
opposition to one another on said inside section of each of said  
front portion, said back portion, said first side portion, and  
said second side portion, respectively, a second inner surface  
and a second outer surface in opposition to one another on said  
outside section of each of said front portion, said back  
portion, said first side portion, and said second side portion,  
respectively, wherein said second inner surface of the outside  
section and the first outer surface of the inside portion are  
selectively disposable toward one another for each of each of  
said front portion, said rear portion, said first side portion,

and said second side portion, respectively, and a securing fastener is disposed on said inner surface of said outside section and on said outer surface of said inside section of at least one of said front portion, said rear portion, said first side portion, and said second side portion, respectively, so as to selectively secure said continuous sleeve to the high chair in  
~~opposite directions away from one another and in a direction parallel to said lateral axis, and said continuous plication configured to cover an entire seating area surrounding the center seating portion of the high chair; and~~

positioning said high chair clean seat on the entire seating area of the high chair by placing said central portion, said front portion of said continuous plication, said back portion of said continuous plication, said first side portion of said continuous plication, and said second side portion of said continuous plication over the center seating portion of the high chair, a front portion of the high chair, a back portion of the high chair, a first side portion of the high chair, and a second side portion of the high chair, respectively, so as to cover the entire seating area of the high chair with said high chair clean seat.

23. (Original) A method for covering an entire seating area of a high chair according to claim 22 wherein the entire seating area further comprises an upper portion of each high chair leg, and wherein said continuous plication covers said upper portion of each high chair leg.